

MISSION C295C  
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1. Mission track with "Go-No-Go" weather. Basic mission data and special equipment on reverse side of map.
2. Signature blocks as appropriate. (On reverse side of map.)
3. Map with known SAM's, MIG-21 bases plotted, and current fighter AOB.
4. Vulnerability estimate for current mission.
5. Authority for mission (COMOR/USIB/303 Committee).
6. Cable to NPIC and reply [redacted] SAM System search - Attachments 1 and 2).
7. [redacted] message and [redacted] approval (Attachments 3 and 4).
8. [redacted] and [redacted] approval (Attachments 5 and 6).
9. JRC coordination (Parts I and II - Mission Plan - Attachment 7).
10. [redacted] (Mission Intelligence Data - Attachment 8).

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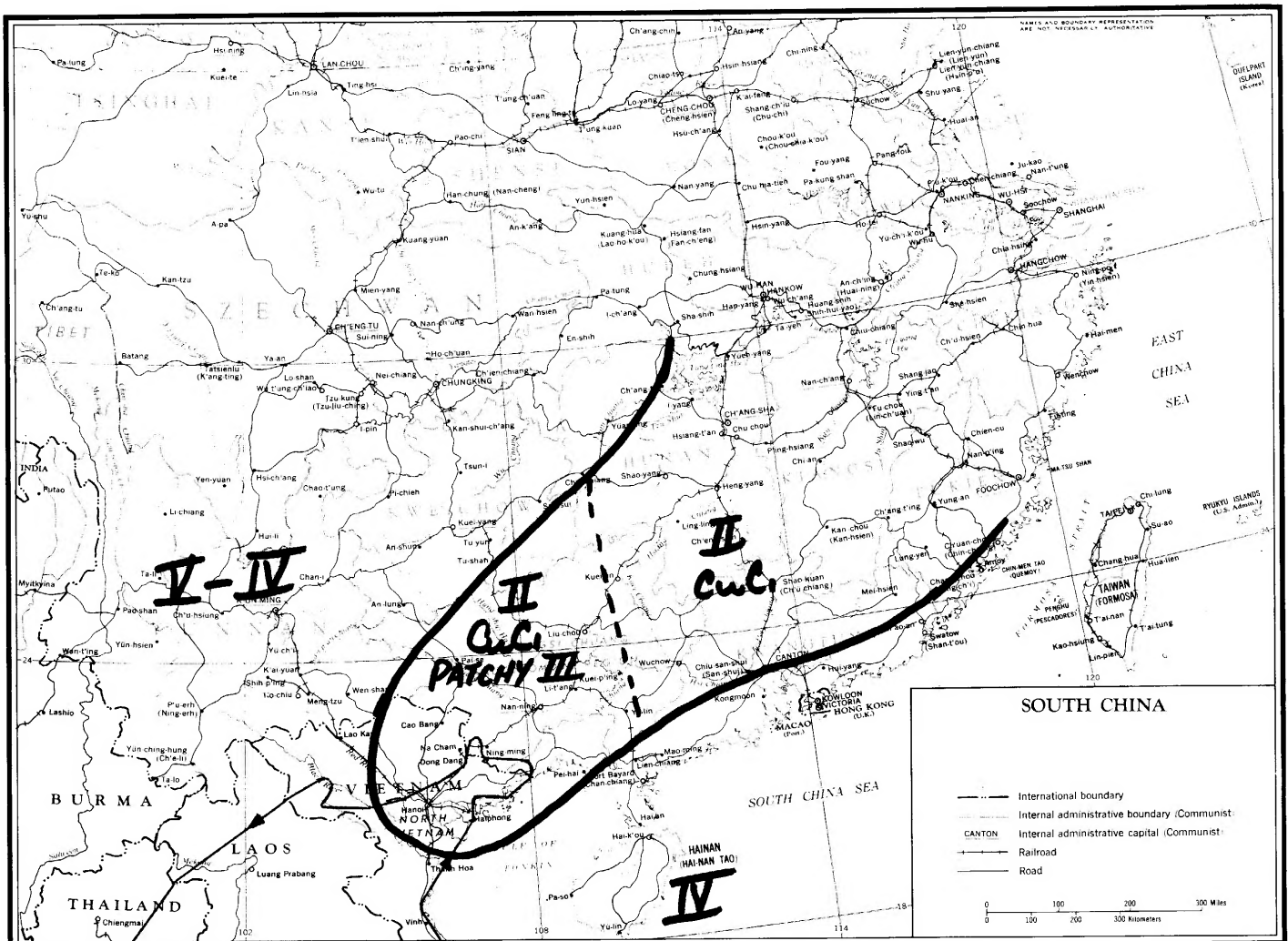
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MISSION PROPOSAL

NUMBER	<u>C295C</u>
LAUNCH DATE/TIME	<u>18/0020Z</u>
TOTAL DISTANCE	<u>2462 N.M.</u>
TOTAL TIME/DENIED TERRITORY TIME	<u>0645 0243</u>
PENETRATION ALTITUDE	<u>69,000 FT.</u>
MAXIMUM ALTITUDE	<u><span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span></u>
FUEL RESERVE	<u>180 GAL.</u>
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	<u>Systems 6, 9B, 12B,</u> <u>13, Delta II, Oscar</u> <u>Sierra</u>

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APPROVALS:

*Out of Bldg 1430 hrs 17 May*  
*the belly removed in morning.*  
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PRIORITY I

	Dien Bien Phu Mil. Complex	2123N	10301E
	Lao Kay Complex	2230N	10358E
	Son La Mil. Complex	2120N	10355E
	Van Yen Mil.	2103N	10442E
	Phuc Yen New A/F	2113N	10548E
	Lang Son Complex	2151N	10646E
	Dong Dang Complex	2156N	10642E
	Port Wallut Port Fac.	2112N	10735E
	Mon Cay Complex	2132N	10759E
	Haiphong Port Complex	2052N	10641E
	Haiphong/Cat BI A/F	2049N	10644E

PRIORITY II

	Ning Ming A/F U/C	2207N	10707E
	Ning Ming Transshipment Pt.	2208N	10704E
	Ping Hsiang Complex	2206N	10645E
	Ping Hsiang O4dinance Depot	2205N	10645E

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COMOR NO.TARGET NAME

	Hai Kou Airfield
	Lei Yang Airfield
	Ling Shui Airfield
	Meng Tzu Airfield, West
	Nan Hai/Kuang Chou Airfield (Fo Shan)
	Sui Chi Airfield (Lei Pei)
	Nan Ning Airfield, South
	Kun Ming Airfield
	Yu Lin Naval Base
	Hai Kou Naval Base
	Ping Hsiang Complex
	Wen Shan Complex

COMOR NO.

	Liu Chou Airfield
	Ning Ming Airfield U/C
	Tsam Kong Naval Base (Chan Chiang)
	Shan Tou Naval Base
	Huang Pu Naval Base
	Lung Men Suspect Submarine Base
	Ssu Mao Military Area
	Meng La Army Barracks, West
	Fo Hai Army Barracks, South (Meng Hai)
	Meng Tzu Army Barracks, South
	Yu Lin Army Barracks
	Hong Yang Ammo Depot, ENE
	Kai Yuan - Hq. 13th Army
	Chin Pien Military Area (Lan Tsang)
	Kuei Hsien Army Barracks
	Kun Ming Complex

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REMARKS

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1300, 17 May 1965

VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE FOR MISSION C295C

CONCLUSION:

There are no known surface-to-air missile defenses in South China or North Vietnam capable of interfering with Mission C295C. The risk of a successful U-2 intercept by a MIG-21 on this mission is less than 22%.

GENERAL:

The MIG-15, 17, and 19 do not present a threat to the U-2 at or above 69,000 feet. Of these three fighter types, none can cruise supersonic. The MIG-19 can exceed Mach 1, perform a dynamic climb to approximately 62,000 feet and cruise subsonic, steady state at 59,000 plus or minus 1000 feet. The MIG-19 does not have sufficient power to perform an effective ZOOM maneuver.

The MIG-21 has the capability of intercepting the U-2 at 69,000 feet by performing a ZOOM maneuver and launching an AA-2 Sidewinder type IR missile.

AIR ORDER OF BATTLE FOR SOUTH CHINA:

There are four airfields in South China pertinent to Mission C295C. They are Lingshui, Haikou, Nanning South, and Suichi. MIG-21's have been noted in photography [redacted] as having been at Nanning South, and Suichi.

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Based on the latest photography [redacted] we estimate approximately seven MIG-21's to be based among the airfields mentioned earlier. Of this number we estimate four MIG-21's to be in operational status and within range of Mission C295C. If this assumption is correct, then the estimated risk of a successful MIG-21 intercept against the U-2 at 69,000 feet is less than 22%. This figure is correct, assuming whole intercept system, including GCI, is perfect throughout the intercept attempt. Red Chinese fighters have penetrated the DRV border on intercept attempts in the past, and we must assume they will continue to cross the border to intercept the U-2 in the future.

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A request for a SAM search thirty nautical miles either side of planned track has been levied on NPIC. The results were negative and copies of the request and results may be found elsewhere in this report.

REQUIREMENT: STATED IN COMOR 25/142 OF FEB 1965.

APPROVED BY USIB 3 MARCH 1965.

REQUIREMENT FOR IMMEDIATE COVERAGE OF  
28 TARGETS IN SOUTH CHINA AND SUBSEQUENTLY  
OBTAIN WEEKLY COVERAGE OF A REPRESENTATIVE  
ONE QUARTER OF THESE TARGETS. IN ADDITION,  
USIB ON 12 MAY APPROVED URGENT COVERAGE OF  
PING HSIANG AS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TARGET  
IN SOUTH CHINA (COMOR D 25/164).

APPROVAL: 303 COMMITTEE APPROVED NRO FORECAST FOR  
MAY ON 30 APRIL.

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